

**STATE WORKFORCE INNOVATION COUNCIL (SWIC)
EDUCATIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ERC)**

March 21, 2013

8:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South

DWD Conference Room 26

Indianapolis, IN

Present: Dan Clark, Sandy Hartz, Leroy Jackson, Rebecca Nickoli

Conference Call: --

Absent: Derek Redelman, Dennis Rohrs, Tim Skinner, Debra Williams

Also present from the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD): Jaclyn Dowd, Marie Mackintosh, Brenda Johnson, Amanda Brewer, and Donna Lovelady.

At 8:38 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dan Clark. (The meeting did not have a quorum present for voting.)

High School Equivalency Test: the changing landscape (Handouts are available.)

Marie Mackintosh led a discussion on the upcoming changes to the GED test, which include going to all computer-based testing and raising the cost to the student to \$120. Several states have already switched to other assessment testing companies.

Dan Clark urged the involvement of this committee in reviewing assessment standards to ensure any test chosen aligns with military standards and Accuplacer. Also, the test needs to meet the requirements of Ivy Tech, labor unions, higher education and the K-12 system.

DWD is compelled to conduct a request for proposals (RFP) to compete the assessment process since GED will no longer be the sole source. According to Ms. Mackintosh, the DWD commissioner must give approval to start the RFP process. She also mentioned the importance of communicating with stakeholders as the process evolves.

Suggested timeline:

April—begin drafting RFP

May, June—discussion with constituency

August—present findings to the ERC for a decision

September—ERC will present its decision to the SWIC

Adult Education Grant Competition Update

Marie Mackintosh shared information from the Region 5 Adult Education Consortium. It was determined at their last meeting that Warren, Washington and Wayne Township schools will take on more of Center Township adult education responsibilities while IPS is in a transition period waiting for a new director.

Intraining Report and Provider/Program Review was postponed due to lack of quorum.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.